





# Grizzly Bear Management

**Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
Region 1**





# Living In Bear Country



# Human-Grizzly Bear Conflicts

1. All grizzly bears are individuals and they respond and react differently.
2. All people are different in terms of what they think is a conflict and what they think about grizzly bears.
3. All grizzly bear conflict situations are different. Different people, different locations, different bears, and different types of conflicts.





# What Are Considered Conflicts?



# Grazing In Pastures?





# Grazing On Lawns?





# Getting Into Garbage?





# Bird Feeders?

Don't have them out  
Between April 1 – Dec 1

For hummingbirds use flower baskets

Put out bird baths and nest boxes





# Fruit Trees?



Pick the fruit as soon as possible or use electric fencing





# Chickens?



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# Livestock Depredation?





# Property Damage?





# Human-Grizzly Bear Management





# Goal: Minimize Conflicts Between People and Grizzly Bears





Objective:  
To minimize grizzly bear conflicts by working with  
landowners to identify and secure attractants.





Objective:  
To work with agencies to  
promote food storage on  
public lands to minimize  
grizzly bear conflicts.





**Objective:**  
To work with city, county,  
state, and federal  
governments to prevent  
grizzly bear conflicts.

Flathead County

Ashley Lake – Electric Fence

Coram – Electric Fence

Olney – Electric Fence

Essex – Electric Fence

Bigfork – Electric Fence

Creston – Chain link

Lake County

Ferndale – Automated Lids

Swan Lake – Automated Lids

Lincoln County

Fortine – Electric Fence

Glen Lake – Electric Fence

Pinkham – Electric Fence

Trego – Electric Fence

Missoula County

Condon – No Service

SEC – 140 bins & 24 dumpsters







Objective:  
To provide information to  
the media on how  
people can minimize  
grizzly bear conflicts.





Objective:  
To respond to grizzly bear conflicts  
on private and public lands.





# 2019 Management Captures Summary

19 Captures Of 16 Individual Grizzly Bears

10 Of The 16 Are Dead

7 Killed In Management Actions

2 Were Sent To The GWDC

4 Currently Still Radio-Collared





# NCDE Westside Management Summary and Removals (1993-2019)

**1993-2019: 261 individual grizzly bears captured in management actions (460 total captures)**

Number Believed To Be Alive: 105 (40%)

Number Known To Be Dead: 126 (48%)

Number Removed to Zoo or Research Facility: 30 (12%) 24 to zoos and 6 to Washington State University Research Facility.

**Total Known Dead or Removed From the Population: 156 (60%)**

Total Number Dead or Removed By Management Actions: 81 (32%)

## **Summary of Mortality: 126**

Management: 51 (40%)

Illegal: 29 (23%)

DOL: 9 (7%)

Train: 11 (9%)

Vehicle: 5 (4%)

Mistaken: 3 (2%)

Unknown 18 (14%)





# Prevention Is The Key To Minimizing Grizzly Bear Conflicts






# Bear Wake-up Social in Ferndale and Bear Fair in Condon

(Organized by Swan Valley Bear Resources)

**BEAR**  
Wake-up Social



Thurs., Apr. 20th  
6-8 pm  
Swan River  
Community Hall  
115 Swan River Road  
Bigfork

Join us for the "Spring Wake-up Social" a community event to help people learn about grizzly bear behavior, biology, and conflict management. MT Fish Wildlife & Parks Grizzly Bear Management Specialists will be on hand to share their stories and answer questions.

TIM MANLEY - Region 1  
Managing Grizzly Bears and People in the  
Greater Flathead Valley

MIKE MADEL - Region 4  
Grizzly Bears of Montana's  
East Front


**Free admission. Complimentary pizza and beer 'till gone!**

SWAN VALLEY BEAR RESOURCES  
Swan Valley Bear Resources offers resources, experience and expertise to help prevent bear conflicts on private and public properties in the Swan Valley.

For details contact  
[SwanValleyConnections.org](http://SwanValleyConnections.org)  
or call 754 754 3137

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**BEAR FAIR**



A community event to help people learn about grizzly bear behavior, biology, and conflict management.

**SAT., JUNE 3RD, 12-4PM**  
At Swan Valley Community Hall, Condon

Presentations by:  
**Chris Servheen (Former USFWS), Tim Manley and Lori Roberts (FWP)**  
Additional bear management experts, professionals, organizations, and companies will be available to provide information.

**Kids activities**  
**FREE PIZZA** by Swan Valley Cafe and **BEER** by Big Sky Brewing Co.  
**'till gone!**

For details visit [SwanValleyConnections.org](http://SwanValleyConnections.org) or call 754-3137

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